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1. SUMMARY: THE FRANCO-SOVIET DECLARATION SIGNED  
BY PRESIDENTS VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING AND LEONID  
BREZHNEV AT THE CONCLUSION OF BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO  
PARIS ON JUNE 22, 1977 ALSO REFERS TO NUMEROUS BILATERAL  
AGREEMENTS CONCERNING TRADE AND INCREASING EXCHANGES  
AND COOPERATION IN THE SCIENTIFIC, INDUSTRIAL,  
NUCLEAR ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION, CHEMICAL, CULTURAL,

AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS. THE CHEMISTRY AND TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES WERE ACCORDED INDIVIDUAL BILATERAL AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE RESPECTIVE MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN TRADE, ROSSI AND PATOLITCHEV. A "PROTOCOL ANNEX" TO THE TEN-YEAR BILATERAL "PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPING ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION" WAS SIGNED BY THE RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS. THE "PROTOCOL ANNEX" IDENTIFIES THE SPECIFIC COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL PROJECT AREAS WHICH FORM THE BASIS OF THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FRANCO-SOVIET DECLARATION RECOGNIZES THE GENERAL POSITIVE EFFECT BILATERAL COOPERATION HAS HAD FOR BOTH COUNTRIES AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTING POSITIVELY TO EUEOPE AND THE WORLD. PARTICULAR NOTE IS MADE OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE SOVIET UNION FOR PREVENTING AN ACCIDENTAL NUCLEAR EXCHANGE, DEVELOPING ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGES, SPECIFICALLY IN THE AREAS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND SPACE. CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE EXCHANGES ARE NOTED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT. THE DECLARATION MENTIONS THE USEFULNESS OF BILATERAL MILITARY CONTACTS WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE MUTUAL APPRECIATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ARMED FORCES. ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION IS GIVEN PARTICULAR ATTENTION BY NOTING THAT DURING 1975 AND 1976 TRADE INCREASED AT A YEARLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RATE OF 30 PERCENT. THE GOAL FOR DOUBLING FRENCH SOVIET TRADE DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS OF THIS DECADE, (AS COMPARED TO THE VOLUME FROM 1970-1974), IS OPTIMISTICALLY MODIFIED, CALLING FOR A TRIPLED OF TRADE VOLUME. THE DECLARATION MAKES NOTE OF A TEN-YEAR EXTENTION ACCORDED TO THE JULY 10, 1973 "COOPERATION PROGRAM".

3. THE FIVE-YEAR BILATERAL "TRANSPORTATION ACCORD", WHICH WAS SIGNED BY THE RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS, IDENTIFIED SPECIFIC AREAS WHERE BILATERAL COOPERATION IS PLANNED. THSE INCLUDE LAND, RIVER, AND MARITIME SECTORS AS WELL AS METHODS AND EQUIPMENT FOR IMPROVING SECURITY AND CONTROL OF TRANSPORTATION. THE SIGNATORIES AGREE TO FACILITATE THE VISITS AND TRAVELS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES OF SPECIALISTS CARRYING OUT THE PROJECTS WITHIN THIS ACCORD. SPECIFIC MENTION IS MADE THAT THE "ACCORD" IS IN CONSONANCE WITH THE 1975 HELSINKI AGREEMENTS.

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4. THE FIVE-YEAR BILATERAL "CHEMICAL ACCORD" IS  
SIMILAR IN FORMAT TO THE ONE ON TRANSPORTATION.  
MENTION I ALSO MADE THAT IT IS IN CONSONANCE WITH THE  
HELSINKI AGREEMENTS. IT TAKES SPECIAL NOTE OF THE  
CONCERN FOR PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND LISTS THE  
FOLLOWING AREAS FOR COOPERATION: BASIC TECHNOLOGY,  
TECHNOLOGICAL PROCESSES, THE USE OF HYDROCARBONS, AND  
MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT FOR NEW PRODUCTS.

5. THE PROTOCOL ANNEX TO A TEN-YEAR ECONOMIC AND  
INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION PROGRAM, (INITIALLY SIGNED IN MOSCOW  
ON JULY 10, 1973 AND SUBSEQUENTLY EXPANDED BY  
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THE "RAMBOUILLET PROTOCOL" OF DEC 6, 1974), LISTS  
SPECIFIC INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION PROJECTS TO BE UNDER-

TAKEN BOTH IN FRANCE AND THE USSR, (ANNEX I). EXPORTS TO THE SOVIET UNION INCLUDE INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL, MACHINE TOOL, ELECTRONIC PLANTS, AS WELL AS COMMUNICATIONS AND TELEVISION COMPONENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE 1980 OLYMPIC GAMES. PROJECTS FOR EXPORT TO FRANCE FROM THE SOVIET UNION INCLUDE INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY FOR THE METAL, RUBBER, AND ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES. ANNEX II OF THE "PROTOCOL" LISTS THREE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS DESTINED FOR THE SOVIET UNION WHICH WILL BE EITHER ENTIRELY OR PARTIALLY PAID FOR BY COUNTER-PURCHASE OR BUY-BACK AGREEMENTS, THESE INVOLVE EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PARAXYLENE, ORTHOZYLENE, BENZEN, GRAPHITE ELECTRODES, AND SILICON. FINALLY, ANNEX III LISTS SIX JOINT INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION VENTURES INVOLVING FRENCH AND SOVIET FIRMS. THESE SIX PROJECTS ARE CONCERNED WITH MANUFACTURING LATHE AND MILLING MACHINES, NUMERICALLY CONTROLLED BAND SAWS FOR NEEDLE BEARING PRODUCTION, TEXTILE AND PLASTIC PRODUCTION, HYDROFOILS, AND COLOR TELEVISION.

6. COMMENT: THESE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT ACCORDS PROVIDE THE GENERAL GUIDELINES WHICH WILL DIRECT FRENCH-SOVIET TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS TO FULFILL THE PROJECTS ARE SIGNED DIRECTLY BETWEEN FRENCH COMPANIES AND THE RESPONSIBLE SOVIET MINISTRY OR TRADING ORGANIZATION. THE FRENCH HAVE DEVELOPED A LONG-TERM INDUSTRIAL TRADE PROGRAM WHICH FOCUSES HEAVILY ON THE HIGHER TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES. ASSUMING THERE ARE NO SERIOUS DISRUPTIONS IN EXPORT CREDITS OR FURTHER INCREASES OF TRADE INBALANCES, THE BILATERAL

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TRADE IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE AND EVEN INCREASE TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH COUNTRIES. GAMMON

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